



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5520**

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED )

***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Board of Governors of Higher Education  
2       shall provide, within available appropriations, scholarships to students  
3       for full-time attendance at public and independent institutions of  
4       higher education in this state and for part-time attendance at public  
5       institutions of higher education in accordance with this section. In  
6       order to be eligible for a scholarship, the student shall meet the  
7       requirements specified in subsection (c) of this section and attend an  
8       institution of higher education that has been authorized to award  
9       academic degrees pursuant to section 10a-34 of the general statutes.  
10      Eligible students shall apply for such scholarships at such time and on  
11      such forms as the Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

12      (b) The amount of the scholarship for full-time attendance shall be  
13      determined as follows: (1) If the family income of a student is less than  
14      sixty per cent of the state median family income, the maximum  
15      amount of the scholarship the student shall be eligible to receive shall  
16      be equal to the lesser of (A) the amount of the tuition and fees at the  
17      institution, or (B) the amount of the tuition and fees at The University

18 of Connecticut, (2) if the family income of the student is greater than  
19 sixty per cent of the state median family income but less than one  
20 hundred thousand dollars, the maximum amount of the scholarship  
21 the student shall be eligible to receive shall be calculated based on a  
22 sliding scale, developed by the Board of Governors of Higher  
23 Education, that takes into account family size, and (3) the amount  
24 determined pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall  
25 be reduced by the total amount of any other scholarship aid received  
26 by the student. The amount of the scholarship for part-time attendance  
27 shall be equal to the tuition and fees of the student minus the total  
28 amount of any other scholarship aid received by the student.

29 (c) In order to be eligible for a scholarship pursuant to this section  
30 the student shall: (1) Be a resident of this state, as defined in sections  
31 10a-28, 10a-29 and 10a-30 of the general statutes, (2) be a United States  
32 citizen or a legal immigrant, (3) have an annual family income of less  
33 than one hundred thousand dollars, and (4) for the first year of  
34 attendance at an institution of higher education, have attained at least  
35 a 3.0 grade point average on a scale of 1.0 to 4.0 in high school and for  
36 subsequent years of attendance at an institution of higher education,  
37 have attained at least a 3.0 grade point average on such a scale for the  
38 prior academic year at the institution of higher education.

39 (d) For purposes of this section, "part-time attendance" means  
40 taking at least twelve credit hours in a twenty-four-month period.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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